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LOK ADALATS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of Lok Adalats set up in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of cases disposed of and pending in the Lok Adalats during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) the extent to which Lok Adalats have reduced the burden in tower courts;

(d) whether the Government proposes to encourage setting up of more Lok Adalats in the country; and

(e) if so, the assistance proposed to be given to the States/UTs for the above purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): A statement showing the number of Lok Adalats organized and cases disposed of in the States/Union Territories during each of the last three calendar years viz. 2010, 2011 and 2012, is given in the Annexure. The information relating to the number of cases pending in the Lok Adalats is not maintained.

(c), (d) & (e) : National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) through the State Legal Services Authorities, Supreme Court Legal Services Committee, High Court Legal Services Committees, District Legal Services Authorities and Taluk Legal Services Committees,has been organizing Lok Adalats alt over the country. The Lok Adalats provide an opportunity to settle disputes within a short period, thereby reducing the burden On the various courts. The State Legal Services Authorities have beenissued guidelines/directions by NALSA to organize Lok Adalats more effectively for speedy disposal of cases and also to widen the network of the Lok Adalats. NALSA\releases funds to the various State Legal Services Authorities, out of the grant-in-aid provided to it by Government of India. Based on the recommendation of the 13tn Finance Commission, a sum of Rs. 100 crores has been allocated for the period 2010-2015 for release to the State Legal Services Authorities, through State Governments, for holding about 10 Mega Lok Adalats per High Court per year and about 5 Lok Adalats for each of the 1500 court locations per year. The 13th Finance Commission has set a target of disposal of 15 lakhs cases every year by the Lok Adalats till the year 2015.